

## Announcing Craftsman's Showcase

Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club (NRV) and NMRA Carolina Piedmont Division 13 (CPD13) are sponsoring a **Craftsman's Showcase** at the NRV Fall Train Show in Raleigh, North Carolina. The NRV Fall Train Show is reported to be the third largest train show on the East Coast. It is held in the 100,000 square Jim Graham Building on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. There will be multiple layouts on display and 480+ vendor tables. Show hours are 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The goal of **Craftsman's Showcase** is to build enthusiasm for our hobby by encouraging people of all skill levels to show off what they have created. Bring your structures, engines, rolling stock or dioramas, whether built from kits, scratch built or kit-bashed from some existing products, to show off your modeling skills in a variety of categories in a judged contest. Contest categories are anticipated to include locomotives, rolling stock, structures, dioramas, and "Anything But". The "Anything But" category includes any structure kit in any scale that has been repurposed into anything but the original structure.

Judges, including Master Model Railroaders (MMRs) from CPD 13, will evaluate the entries and determine 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Honorable Mention awards in each category. A "Best of Show" prize will also be awarded.

Models should be entered at the show's **Craftsman's Showcase** display by 9:30 AM on Saturday morning. Judging will occur on Saturday afternoon. Awards will be presented at 1 PM on Sunday, and models should be picked up at 2 PM on Sunday. Please note that security is provided 24 hours/day through the NC State Fairgrounds.

This is a great way to display and enhance your craftsmanship skills. Contact us for more information at [NRV.Shows@gmail.com](mailto:NRV.Shows@gmail.com) or Bob Witwer 919.632.0785 or Randy Foulke 919.649.8253.